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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

The relevance of DE 3927325 C2 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

**CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS**

An English abstract and an U.S. counterpart of DE 3927325 and DE 2322564 are submitted herewith. English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of Reference Nos. AM and AN are also submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-captioned application, and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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